GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF STEEL BY MOIL
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL);HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Manganese Ore India Limited (MOIL) is the single largest producer of high grade manganese ore in the country;

(b) if so, the quantum of steel, out of the total production, exported to different countries by it during the current financial year; and

(c) the details of the diversification projects proposed to be taken up by the Government for the expansion of steel sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Manganese Ore India Limited (MOIL) is engaged only in the production of various grades of manganese ore, etc. and does not produce steel as such. However, the Company is exporting the manganese ore to various countries, as per Government guidelines. The details of exports of manganese ore for the last four years are mentioned below:

YEAR	QUANTITY (In Metric Tonnes)	VALUE (Rs. in crores)
1998-1999	16,250	3.79
1999-2000	57,150	16.36
2000-2001	69,800	21.56
2001-2002 (April-October, 2001)	62,350	20.02

(c) After liberalisation of the steel industry, the production of steel and the various expansion/diversification projects connected therein are undertaken by the concerned private and public sector undertakings themselves depending upon the inter-play of market forces. Government has no role to play for such projects.